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Sunday Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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Welcome!

Here is some helpful information to guide your stay with us.

1. **Enjoy.** We feel blessed you came to Cross of Christ. Our worship service lasts about 60 minutes. Participate as much as you feel comfortable with.
2. **Restrooms.** We have one restroom in the back of church and a men's and women's restroom downstairs.
3. **Children.** Your children are welcome to worship with us regardless of their age. If you feel they are being too disruptive, we do have a **Parents Area** available downstairs with a television where you can watch the worship service.
4. **Offering.** You are welcome to give an offering, but you do not need to feel obligated to do so.

About Cross Of Christ

Cross of Christ is a Bible based church, which exists to give thanks to God for Jesus' death on the cross, by which God forgave all people their sins and gives eternal life to all who believe in him. We do this by believing in the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and sharing the message of the cross with our community and the world.

Sermon Series: **Are You Ready?**

Jesus promises one day he will come back to earth to judge all people. Unfortunately, we do not know when that day will be. This is why Jesus tells us we must always be ready for it. But how can we make sure we are? In our sermon series entitled, "Are You Ready?" we will learn what we must do with God's help to make sure we are always ready for our Savior Jesus' return. We will learn we must:

November 1 & 2: Be Faithful To God's Word
November 8 & 9: Be Mindful of God's Judgment
November 15 & 16: Be Watchful for Your Triumph
November 22 & 23: Rejoice Christ Is Your King
November 26: **Give Thanks**

Order Of Service

HYMN 613:1-3: *"Come, You Thankful People, Come"*

- 1. Come, you thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest-home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God our maker shall provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest-home.**
- 2. All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and weeds together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**3. For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take his harvest home,
From his field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the weeds to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.**

Please stand

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING RESPONSIVE READING

M: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

C: his love endures forever.

M: Let the redeemed of the LORD say this-- those he
redeemed from the hand of the foe,

**C: those he gathered from the lands, from east and
west, from north and south.**

M: Some sat in darkness and the deepest gloom, prisoners suffering in iron chains, for they had rebelled against the words of God and despised the counsel of the Most High.

C: **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.**

M: They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest; he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased, and he did not let their herds diminish.

C: **Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.**

M: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.

C: **Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.**

HYMN 612:1: *"Praise To God, Immortal Praise"*

- 1. Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days.
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy,
Let your praise our tongues employ.
All to you, our God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Moses tells the Israelites not to forget to thank the Lord for the blessings he gives them.

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing

to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵ He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. (NIV)

PSALM 100 (on page 104 in the front of the red Christian Worship hymnal)

C: (sing) REFRAIN: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

Shout for joy to the Lord, 'all the earth.*

Worship the Lord with 'gladness;

come before him with 'joyful songs.*

Know that the 'Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and 'we are his;*

we are his people, the sheep of his 'pasture.

**REFRAIN: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to
the Lord a new song.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his

'courts with praise;*

give thanks to him and 'praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures

for'ever;*

his faithfulness continues through all

gener'ations.

Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*

and to the Holy 'Spirit,

as it was in the be'ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

**REFRAIN: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to
the Lord a new song.**

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:10-20

Paul gives thanks to God in all circumstances.

¹⁰ I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (NIV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 136:1

M: Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Alleluia. (NIV)

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals ten lepers, but only one returns to thank him.

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him--and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." (NIV)

Be seated

HYMN 610:1-3: *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

- 1. Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.**
- 2. Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.**
- 3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.**

“Give Thanks”

Please stand

OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

M: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer.

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**C: Lead us in thankful living today and always.
Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN 614: *"Sing To The Lord Of Harvest"*

- 1. Sing to the Lord of harvest;
Sing songs of love and praise.
With joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise.
By him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest
A joyous song of love.**
- 2. God makes the clouds rain goodness;
The deserts bloom and spring.
The hills leap up in gladness;
The valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness,
All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with blessing,
With plenty and with peace.**

**3. Bring to this sacred altar
The gifts his goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him
When at his feet you fall,
And with your lives adore him
Who gave his life for all.**

Please stand

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Dear heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for all the blessings you give to both our bodies and souls. We especially thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus and your precious Word. We ask your continued blessings in the year ahead and help us to use them to your glory. We pray this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN 609: *"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"*

- 1. We praise you, O God,
our Redeemer, Creator!
In grateful devotion
our tribute we bring:
We lay it before you;
we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name;
glad praises we sing.**
- 2. We worship you,
God of our fathers; we bless you.
Through trial and tempest
our guide you have been;
When perils o'ertake us,
you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord,
our battles we win.**

**3. With voices united
our praises we offer;
To you, great Jehovah,
glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us;
our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer,
fore'er be praise! Amen.**

Be seated

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Take The Next Step

We are so glad you took a big step and joined us for worship. You may be wondering what your next step is for connecting to Cross of Christ. Here are some options:



Come back for worship next week. Attending worship services is very important for people to grow in their faith in Jesus.



Set up a time to meet. Call or email the church office. We would be happy to set up a time to answer your questions and to share more about Cross of Christ's ministry with you.



"Starting Point". This is a class environment designed for every guest to discover (or rediscover) the foundational teachings of the Bible and how they apply to their lives. Talk to the pastor if you are interested in attending.



Stay Connected. Stay connected with us online at www.portagelutheranchurch.org, on Facebook, on Instagram, and on Twitter.

This Week At Cross of Christ (November 25 – 29, 2020)

Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Worship
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper & w/ New Member Welcome
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	The Christian in Today's World Bible Study

Serving God This Week. November 22 - 28, 2020

Hymnsoft player: Dave Kreklow (Wednesday)

Ushers: John Otto (C), Ken Ryczek, Marv Timm, Gerry Gast, Caleb Schultz (Wednesday),

Altar Committee: Nona Lione & Tasha Buchholz (Wednesday)

Serving God Next Week. November 29 - December 5, 2020

Hymnsoft player: Dave Kreklow (Sunday, Monday, Wednesday)

Ushers: Nate Newman (C), Henry Newman, Don Graham (Sunday and Wednesday),

Dave Kreklow (Monday)

Altar Committee: Sandy Ryczek and Jan Kilian (Sunday), Nona Lione & Tasha Buchholz (Monday)

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Eli Schultz

Offering Counters: Vi Burmeister & Joan Klappstein

Announcements

10 For 10 Notes. Please place your 10 For 10 commitment cards in the offering plates as you walk into church. These cards will not be opened. They will be placed on the altar for ten weeks and then returned to you unopened for your prayerful reflection. Please also fill out the new Time and Talent surveys you were given and place them in Bonnie Dorniak's mailbox at church.

Canceled Fellowship Activities. Due to COVID-19, the Fellowship Committee decided to cancel the following activities in December:

- Snacks after Sunday worship services
- Fellowship meal
- Midweek Advent meals
- Christmas caroling
- Christmas party

Camp Philip Supper. The Camp Philip Chili Supper has been canceled due to COVID-19. Instead, a collection will be taken after the three midweek Advent services.

Church Decorating. We will decorate the church for the Christmas season on Sunday, December 6 after the Bible Study. Please consider staying to help.

Gift Bags. The Cross of Christ Ladies will be giving Christmas gift bags to Cross of Christ's shut-in members and the residents of Hamilton Park Place. They are collecting the following items for the gift bags: money, individual tissue packets, gripper footed socks, large print puzzle books, hard candy, sample size lotion, body wash, shampoo, and conditioner, and gift bags. The gift bags will be assembled at the December 17 gathering and will be delivered to the church's shut-in members and Hamilton Park Place residents. Please bring the items to church by December 13.

Poinsettias. If you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia to beautify church for the Christmas season, please sign up on the table in the back of church. You can purchase red, pink, and white poinsettias for \$7.00. Please pay Tracy McCluskey when you place your order, otherwise your poinsettia will not be ordered. The deadline for placing orders is Wednesday, December 16.

Children's Christmas Service. The Sunday School Children's Christmas service will be on Thursday, December 24 at 6:00 p.m. and Friday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m. The service theme is "The Greatest Gift". Invite your family and friends to attend one of these two services or to watch it on Facebook Live.

Cross of Christ Mission Statement Committee. At the November 1 Quarterly Voters' meeting, it was decided to create a committee to develop a Mission Statement for the church. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, contact Pastor Schultz.

Bulletins. Please take your bulletin home with you after church and do not put it back because of COVID-19.